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Dear Examiner:

In response to the final Office Action dated March 26, 2002, Applicants submit the following amendment:

In the Specification

On page one, after the title, please add the following paragraph:

--This invention was made with Government support under contract MH23861 awarded by the National Institutes of Health. The Government has certain rights in this invention.--

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 36-41 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

42. A multi-gene expression profile of a sample comprising a collection of linearly amplified specific nucleic acid messages, wherein said amplified specific nucleic acid